

House Concurrent Resolution 35

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Declares it is policy of State of Oregon to protect refugee and immigrant rights.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the State of Oregon has long benefited from the arrival of refugees from economic, political and religious strife; and

Whereas the State of Oregon embraces diversity of background and experience as a foundational element of our state's past, present and future successes; and

Whereas the State of Oregon continues to send men and women, including immigrants, into harm's way to defend the ideals of freedom, justice and liberty for all; and

Whereas the State of Oregon recognizes the value and virtue of compassion, comity and community; and

Whereas the State of Oregon was built on and shall be sustained through the passion, perspective and perseverance of people born in Oregon as well as those who choose to make Oregon a new home; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, declare that it is the policy of the State of Oregon to embrace our state's role as a caretaker of democracy, as a defender of the rights of humankind and as a shelter for all persons seeking safe harbor from oppression, regardless of gender, race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.